

Topical Heading

Disability and Rehabilitation Research

Program Title

Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers

Also Known as

RRTCs

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.133B

Administering Office

Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS)

Who May Apply (by category)

Institutions of Higher Education (IHEs), Nonprofit Organizations, Other Organizations and/or Agencies

Who May Apply (specifically)

States, public or private agencies—including for-profit agencies, Indian tribes, and tribal organizations also may apply. Rehabilitation research and training centers must be operated by or in collaboration with: (1) one or more IHEs or (2) one or more providers of rehabilitation or other appropriate services.

Current Competitions

Multiple FY 2006 application deadlines expected: June 2006. See the OSERS National Institute on Disability Rehabilitation and Research (NIDRR) forecast of funding opportunities Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html#Chart7>, which is updated several times during the year.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants, Cooperative Agreements

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2004	\$18,642,940
Fiscal Year 2005	\$19,649,391
Fiscal Year 2006	\$18,057,029

Note: This is one of several NIDRR grant programs. Congress provides an appropriation for NIDRR as a whole; see the main entry for NIDRR (# 84.133), under the topical heading “Disability and Rehabilitation Research.” The amounts listed here are a portion of the total NIDRR appropriation. Some awards are cofunded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Amounts above represent NIDRR funding only.

Fiscal Year 2006 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 2

Average New Award: \$675,000

Range of New Awards: Up to \$675,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 25

Average Continuation Award: \$675,293

Range of Continuation Awards: \$600,000–\$900,000

Legislative Citation

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, Title II; 29 *U.S.C.* 764(b)(2).

Program Regulations

EDGAR; 34 *CFR* 350

Program Description

The RRTCs conduct coordinated and advanced programs of research, training, and information dissemination. Each RRTC has a major program of research in a particular area, such as mental illness, vocational rehabilitation (VR), or independent living, which is specified by NIDRR. The RRTCs must serve as centers of national excellence and national or regional resources for providers and individuals with disabilities and their representatives. RRTC awards are for five years, except that grants to new recipients or to support new or innovative research may be made for fewer than five years.

Types of Projects

Each year, competitions are held in specific areas that determine the types of projects.

Education Level (specifically)

All ages

Subject Index

Research, Significant Disabilities, Vocational Rehabilitation

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<http://www.ed.gov/programs/rrtc/index.html>